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Dear Dr. Tarson,

Thank you for your letter of March 28th. Regretfully, I am still unable to say with any certainty whether I will be able to deliver the Commencement Address in July. Therefore, I must reluctantly decline your gracious offer.

My apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused to you and National University. I wish it could have been otherwise.

I am indeed honored that the Board of Trustees has considered me for such prestigious recognition.

Yours sincerely

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